

**BIRD TRACK SPRINGS
FISH ENHANCEMENT PROJECT
ENVIRONMENTAL ASSESSMENT
30 Day Notice and Comment Period**

USDA - Forest Service

Wallowa-Whitman National Forest
La Grande Ranger District
Union County, Oregon

The Bird Track Springs Fish Enhancement Project Environmental Assessment (EA) is now available for public review and comment. The Wallowa-Whitman National Forest in partnership with the Bonneville Power Administration, the Confederated Tribes of the Umatilla Indian Reservation, and the Bureau of Reclamation is proposing to conduct stream enhancement activities within approximately 1.9 miles of the Grande Ronde River in the Bird Track Springs area. The overall purpose of this project is to re-establish natural river-floodplain connections and processes. These actions are proposed on the La Grande Ranger District and adjacent State and private lands approximately 10 miles west of La Grande, Oregon, within the Beaver Creek-Grande Ronde River watershed. The project area is located at Township 3 South, Range 36 East, Sections 15 and 16.

The EA can be accessed on the Forest Service website at:

<https://www.fs.usda.gov/project/?project=47283> . A paper copy of the document can be obtained by contacting Cindy Christensen at cjchristensen@fs.fed.us by phone at 541-962-8501 or from the La Grande Ranger District, 3502 Highway 30, La Grande, OR. 97850.

This project is subject to the pre-decisional objection process at 36 CFR 218. Only individuals or organizations that submit specific written comments during a designated opportunity for public participation (scoping or the 30-day public comment period) may object (36 CFR 218.5). A 30 day period for those individuals or groups interested in submitting oral or written comments on the Bird Track Springs Fish Enhancement Project Environmental Assessment (EA) will begin the day after publication of this notice in The Observer newspaper. The publication date in the newspaper of record is the exclusive means for calculating the comment period for this proposal. Those wishing to comment should not rely on dates of timeframe information provided by any other source.

Written comments shall include your name, address, organization represented if any, title of document on which the comment is being submitted, and specific facts or comments along with supporting reasons that you believe the Responsible Official should consider in reaching a decision. Electronic

comments must be submitted as part of an actual e-mail message, or as an attachment in Microsoft Word (.doc), rich text format (.rtf), or portable document format (.pdf) only. Comments must be signed.

All comments must be submitted or postmarked to Bill Gamble (bgamble@fs.fed.us), District Ranger, La Grande Ranger District, 3502 Highway 30, La Grande, OR 97850 or by email at comments-pacificnorthwest-wallowa-whitman-lagrande@fs.fed.us or may be faxed to 541-962-8580 by close of business 30 days from publication of this notice in the newspaper of record. Oral comments will also be accepted during this comment period and can be submitted by contacting the District Ranger at (541) 962-8582. Names and contact information submitted with comments will become part of the public record and may be released under the Freedom of Information Act.

In order to receive additional information contact Cindy Christensen at (541) 962-8501, cjchristensen@fs.fed.us, or at the District office address provided above.

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